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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed November 9, 1999, and the references cited therewith.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application as amended in view of the following remarks.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 10-18

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 10-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Broussard et al. (EP Patent No. 0 602 947) in view of Gregg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,963,195). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 recites, in part, "a pointing device operatively coupled to the computer and having at least one control to control the multimedia device." Claim 8 recites, in part, "a pointing device having at least one control to control the multimedia device such that actuation of a control causes the computer to change a functionality associated with the control." Claim 12 recites, in part, "a component disposed within the housing to signal directional movement to the computer; and, at least one control disposed within the housing to control the multimedia device." Claim 16 recites, "A pointing device for a computer operatively coupled to a multimedia device comprising at least one control to control the multimedia device."

Applicant has carefully reviewed the cited reference and is unable to locate a teaching or suggestion to use a ^(not claimed) pointing device to directly control a multimedia device as recited. The Broussard et al. reference does not use a pointer device to directly control a multimedia device. Instead, the reference uses a pointer device in conjunction with an application program to control